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TO ALL, unto whom this Tract may come, Greeting:——

You are respectfully solicited to give this Tract a candid and impartial perusal, and preserve it with care until called for by the distributor; when, if you will receive it, another will be left, and then another, until you will have the opportunity of reading a series of six tracts, or more, which will give you information of the doctrines believed in and practised by the CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS.

We are well aware, that the ears of the inhabitants of this great city and the surrounding country, have been filled with all manner of foolish, nonsensical, and lying tales about the "Latter-day Saints," and that, consequently, their minds have been deeply prejudiced against us as a people. It is in consequence of our earnest desire to disabuse the public, and remove those unfounded prejudices from the minds of the *honest-hearted*, that we take this most convenient method of bringing the doctrines we *believe* and *teach*, before them.

It has been, in many instances, declared by the press, and proclaimed from the pulpit, that we do not believe in God, or the Scriptures of divine truth; that we have a *new* Bible, to the exclusion of the *old;* and that we *practise* a community of goods—of wives, etc. May the Lord judge the fabricators and *chief* propogators of these falsehoods. We say, "chief propogators," for we are aware, that thousands who retail such slanders, are deceived and hoodwinked by evil-designing men; and know not, that they are assisting to persecute an innocent people. The reward of all such lying deceivers lurketh beneath;—we will leave them in the hands of a justly offended God; whilst we, with all the energy of our souls, spread abroad the glad tidings of salvation to the honest in heart, and warn the world of the near approach of the hour of God's judgments.

That no one who takes up this tract, may be kept in suspense for one moment as to the doctrines believed in by us; we will, in refutation of the slanders of the enemies of truth, recorded above, proceed to lay before the reader a brief outline of the principles of our faith.

1*st.*—We believe in God the Eternal Father, the Creator of the heavens and the earth.

2*nd.*—We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and the Saviour of the World.

3*rd.*—We believe that the Ordinance of Baptism, by immersion, for the remission of the sins of *believing* and *repentant* sinners, is *absolutely* essential to their salvation. See Mark xvi. 15, 16.

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4th.—We believe that the Ordinance of the laying on of the hands of those in authority, is equally as necessary for the gift of the Holy Ghost, as baptism is for the remission of sins. See Acts viii. 14—19.

5th.—We believe that the Gifts and Blessings promised by our Saviour, recorded in Mark xvi. 17, 18; and so eloquently referred to by the Apostle Paul, in the 12th, 13th and 14th Chapters of 1st Corinthians, as the reward of all those who would believe and obey the gospel of God, will be enjoyed by all who will obey the same gospel, in this and succeeding generations. See Acts ii. 39.

6th.—We believe the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God, delivered to the ancient Saints, who lived upon the Eastern Continent; and we are willing to be tried and tested by the revelations therein contained.

7th.—We believe the Book of Mormon to be a sacred and divinely inspired record, containing the Word of God delivered to the Ancient Saints, who lived upon the Western Continent, (America); and that it is equal in authority with the Bible.

8th.—We believe the revelations of God given through Joseph Smith, to be equal in authority and power with those given through Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, or John upon the Isle of Patmos; and we call upon all the *learned* and the *wise* of Christendom to shew wherein *any* of the revelations given through the Modern Prophet, or recorded in the Book of Mormon, disagrees or in any way comes in contact with those given through the Prophets of the Old and New Testament.

9th.—We believe that every man should, and of right ought to be, the Steward over that which God has entrusted to his care of this world's goods; and that the *idler* should not eat the bread of the *labourer*. Therefore, we do not *believe* in, or *practice* a community of goods.

10th.—We believe that a man should have one wife, and a women but one husband; that God, holy angels, and all good men, delight in the chastity of men and women; and that it is because of the whoredoms and abominations practiced by the children of men, that the impending wrath and fierce indignation of the Lord is about to be poured out upon the nations: Therefore, we do not *believe* in, or *practice* a community of wives.

Now, kind reader, we beseech of you, not to lightly cast aside this nor the succeeding tracts; but peruse them with prayerful attention, for they contain truths of vast importance to you and to all men. Truths, which, if received and obeyed, will place your feet firmly upon the rock of revelation, and turn your face Zionward in obedience to the great proclamation for the gathering together of the Elect of God from the four corners of the earth. Truths, which, if rejected and trampled under foot, will rise up and bear a fearful testimony against you, when arrayed at the bar of justice to give account to the Judge of the quick and the dead.

Whether this work be true or false, it is all-important that you should investigate it *carefully* and *impartially*. If true, you will lose your salvation if you reject it. If false, you as a friend of your fellow-man, are in duty bound to acquaint yourself with all its weak points; so that you may be able to expose the cheat and thus prevent thousands being deceived by it. You will find some one of the numerous places of worship, which have been opened by the Elders of this Church in almost every part of this city and the surrounding towns and villages advertised upon the cover of this tract. Go and hear for yourself, believe and obey the truth, and your soul shall live.

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With an earnest desire for the rapid spread of truth, and the consequent salvation of the poor and the meek of the earth, we subscribe ourselves your friends and well-wishers,

In behalf of the London Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

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